those companies who do not incur these charges;

(c) if so, what is the justification therefor; and

(d) which documents are verified before allowing 8 per cent incidental charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) Sir, while fixing the prices of formulations, incidental charges to cover sales tax. Octroi, Freight and Insurance etc. to a maximum limit of 8 per cent or actuals, which ever is lower, is allowed, on the basis of authentic documents, on the notified price or the purchase price of the bulk drug, whichever is lower. In cases of ceiling packs, whose prices are notified in official Gazette and have to be followed by all manufacturers of those packs, incidentals are allowed at 8 per cent.

Japan's offer of help in Nuclear Energy

1597. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan is prepared to help India in a big way to harness nuclear energy for peaceful purpose;

(b) if so, whether any conditions have been proposed for such assistance; and

(c) if so, what are these conditions and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) There have been no discussions with the Japanese Government on the subject.

Cash award scheme by CSIR to SC/STs.

1598. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some scheme of cash awards for bright SC/ST students to motivate them to take up Science studies at plus two level was introduced in 1988-89 by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR); if so, what were the criteria and the amount of cash awards to be given to each student;

(b) the number of applications received from Uttar Pradesh and alongwith the names of the applicants;

(c) the number of applicants awarded so far year-wise, details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that some deserving and eligible applicants were not given awards, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the guilty persons would be punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA). (a) Yes, Sir. The scheme was notified on 23-11-1987 which provided for identification of SC/ST students form various State Boards/Central Boards of Education or Departments of Welfare of Central and States dealing with SC/ST students for awarding cash awards to motivate them to take up Science studies at plus two level. As per the criteria laid down :

(i) The selected candidates should have obtained highest marks in order of merit in the aggregate of science subjects a Xth class examination at the respective State Board of School Education/Central Education Board.

(ii) The selected candidates should have obtained at least 2nd Class marks in Science subjects and passed in all other subjects.